FIRST-PLACE TEAM from Appomattox Middle School FFA shown above are (left to right) Stuart Cheatham, Tom Cobb and Ronald Gallier.

RANDY SCOTT, RAY RICHARDSON, and Billy Caldwell participated in a recent Federation FFA Dairy Judging Contest in Rustburg.

Dairy judges do well

Six members of the Appomattox Middle School FFA Chapter recently competed in a Federation FFA Dairy Judging Contest. The contest was held Nov. 6 at the Rustburg High

The first-place team members included Steward Cheatham, Tom Cobb, and Ronald Gallier. The team placed first in competition the entire contest. Other members from the Middle School FFA participating in the contest were: Randy Scott, Ray Richardson, and Billy Caldwell.

against teams from Campbell, Amherst, and Appomattox Counties. Tom Cobb was the first high individual in the Junior Division and the fifth high individual in

FBLA sets trash drive

"Do it with FBLA-Throw your trash away" is the motto that the Future Business Leaders of America are using in the current Litter Control project being conducted throughout Appomattox.

The Future Business Leaders of America have been hard at work these past few weeks on the Litter Control project. Throughout the past few weeks they have been planning a poster contest, preparing bulletin boards in the school, and working on a display in the school.

The poster contest is the biggest part of their plan to spread the words, "Do it with FBLA-Throw your trash away." A number of FBLA members participated in the poster contest on November 19, 1980. The winners of this contest will be awarded a cash prize and will have the opportunity to go to the Future Business Leaders of America Regional Conference at Longwood College in March, 1981. The posters will be placed in the high school.

The Future Business Leaders of America are very excited about the results that can come about by their participation in this project. They ask you to do your part in helping keep Appomattox clean, so "Do It With FBLA - Throw Your Trash Away!"

Letters

Writer expresses shock, dismay

Editor:

Decent persons are shocked to realize that a federal court jury found two former high-ranking FBI officials, W. Mark Felt and Edward S. Miller, guilty recently of violating individual civil rights by authorizing warrantless searches at homes of friends and relatives of the Weather Underground. The FBI suspected links between the Underground with North Vietnamese, Cuban, and Chinese Communist intelligence officials and agents at the height of the Vietnam War.

The Weather Underground claimed responsibility for bombings at the U. S. State Department, the Pentagon and other buildings. In spite of the fact that his militant anti-war gang was terrorizing the nation, the U. S. District Judge William Bryant directed the jury to convict Felt and Miller if it found they failed to get specific approval from former President Richard Nixon and former Attorney General Richard Kleindienst for each break-in.

Decent Americans should thank Felt and Miller for their good and patriotic work to protect all of us from dangerous criminals and traitors. Judges who protect criminals from law-abiding citizens should be ostracized and isolated from a decent society.

The silent majority should demand the new Congress that the U. S. District Judge William Bryant should be impeached and removed from office.

Sincerely yours,
Alexander V. Berkis, LL.M. and Ph.D.
Farmville, Va.

Education group starts

Editor:

A group of concerned citizens in Fredericksburg, Virginia has formed Virginians for Elected School Boards Action (VESBA). Membership on local school boards is not by voter selection, but rather from appointments by School Board Selection Commissions or appointments by Boards of Supervisors. In many cases these appointed boards are not responsive to the problems of students, teachers, parents, and taxpayers.

VESBA is in favor of House Bill 841 (H.B. 841) which will be considered again by the House Privileges and Elections Committee in January when the Virginia General Assembly convenes in Richmond. House Bill 841 states:

"Shall the method of selecting the School Board be changed from appointment by the governing body (or school trustee electoral board, whichever is applicable) to direct election by the voters?"

If approved by the General Assembly, H.B. 841 will add the option of direct election of school board members by the voters. VESBA feels that talented, qualified and interested people will be available to stand the scrutiny of voter evaluation. VESBA encourages citizens to write to their local representatives and Privileges and Elections Committee members to show support for this bill.

If you support this effort, write to us at P. O. Box 3347, College Station, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401, so that together we may work for passage of H.B. 841 and a more democratic process of selecting school boards.

Sincerely,
Caroline R. Hayden
Spokesperson for VESBA
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OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION Cooperators for the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District were recognized at the district awards banquet Thursday. Shown above are (from left) John Hix of Appomattox County, Michael Webb of Campbell County, Dennis Torrence, presenting the awards, and H. L. Humphrey of Amherst County, during the awards ceremony.

In Appomattox and Virginia

Tobacco diseases significant

By JAMES A SMITH
Extension Agent

Tobacco disease losses are significant in Appomattox and Virginia. They can be and must be contained to maintain quality and productivity of this important crop.

In 1979 Fire Cured tobacco had a value of $7.3 million, disease costs $402,000. Flue tobacco was worth $.166 million in Virginia producers, but disease took $7.8 million. Finally Burley tobacco worth $27.8 million had $5.9 charged as lost to disease. In every case the leading cause was Blue Mold in the field.

One of the big issues that we have pushed in recent months is to test for nematodes in fields to be planted to tobacco, corn or soybeans. In Flue, Burley and Fire Cured tobacco, nematodes cost producers $519,000. One-half million dollars loss could have possibly been prevented if each producer had taken time to have their soil sampled. Samples are not accepted after December 21.

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The estimated average yield of Virginia's 1980 soybean crop is 15 bushels per acre.

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Fall plowing allows for earlier planting of the home garden. Fall is a good time to plow down large amounts of organic matter that will decompose by spring.

A rule of thumb is to spread 30 to 50 pounds per 100 square feet. Organic matter loosens the soil, improves drainage and aeration and improves the water holding capacity.

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Some recent work has been done on sulfur in agriculture for Virginia soils.

A majority of Piedmont Soils have adequate amounts of sulfur held in the subsoil. The exceptions would be those soils that have little or no profile development or those with thick A horizons. Examples of the first situation would be soils such as Lewisburg and Penn series. The Durham series is an example of soils with a thick A horizon.

In other soil situations physical or chemical properties of the subsoil may prevent crops from using sulfur being held in the subsoil. In Tatum soil for example, toxic concentration of aluminum in the subsoil of this oil prevents root growth into that layer and, therefore, plant use of that sulfur. Soils with heavy plastic subsoils such as Iredell would be expected to show a similar response because the plastic clay would prevent plants from using subsoil sulfur.

Soils with well developed, permeable, well drained B horizons are holding enough sulfur to meet crop needs and plant roots can get to it. Sulfur applications on these soils would not be expected to increase yields.

What this means to Appomattox farmers is that a study of the farm map that accurately identifies soil types is the best method for determining whether or not to apply sulfur.

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The Virginia Pork Industry Conference and Trade Show is set for December 1 - 3 at Virginia Beach. Programs and registration forms are available from our office.

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Work at the Southern Piedmont Research Station this year compared three varieties of canteloupe (Ambrosia, Burpee Hybrid and Earli-Dew) planted on plastic mulch and non-mulched.

On the average, mulched cantelopes produced almost twice as many marketable fruits as did plants from non-mulched plots.

It seemed clear from these results that mulching can be a beneficial way of increasing production.

DR. FRANKLIN FLINT (left) Lynchburg director of the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District, is shown presenting Bill Hunter, president of Appomattox Branch of Farmers National Bank, with an award for distinguished service. The bank has actively supported conservation programs in the Robert E. Lee District.

JIMMY BURCHER (left) received the award for "Outstanding Conservation Teacher of the Year" at the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation Awards Banquet Thursday night. Burcher, a teacher at Appomattox County High School, was presented the awards by Dennis Torrence, chairman of the Robert E. Lee District.

Transco dividends increased significantly in 1980

Transco Companies Inc.'s preliminary consolidated net income for the third quarter of 1980 was $25.2 million, equal to $1.07 per common share. This compares with $14.4 million, or $0.62 per common share in the same period last year. Operating revenues for the quarter were $620.6 million, compared with $368.0 million last year.

The improved third quarter results are due to Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line, which experienced expanded sales volumes, and to a small profit of Transco Exploration, which had operated at a loss in the previous year's third quarter.

For the 9-month period ended September 30, 1980, revenues amounted to $1.8 billion, and net income was $80.8 million, equal to $3.41 per common share. This compares with revenues of $1.1 billion, net income of $46.0 million, and per share earnings of $1.99 for the corresponding period in 1979.

For the 12-month period ended September 30, 1980, revenues were $2.3 billion and net income was $103 million, or $4.39 per common share. This compares with revenues of $1.3 billion, and net income of $59.2 million, or $2.57 per common share in the prior 12-month period.

New members initiated into sorority

Seven new members were initiated into Iota chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, national society for women educators, at their meeting Nov. 15.

Chairman of the initiation committee, Mrs. E. Glenn Cooper, said Miss Margaret A. Dowdy, Miss Rose B. Harrison, Mrs. William A. Smith, Mrs. Kenneth E. Suhrke, Mrs. George M. Boyd, Jr., Mrs. Dennis Torrence, and Mrs. Beverly Wright Hendricks were initiated into the organization that Saturday.

The initiation was followed by a program of music by Fascination, directed by Carl Harris. President Nelly Finch conducted the business session following the entertainment.

An orientation was held for the new members at the home of Mrs. C. Roach Thomas on Nov. 1.

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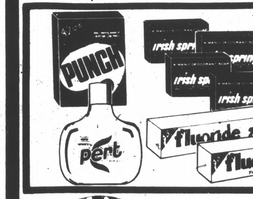

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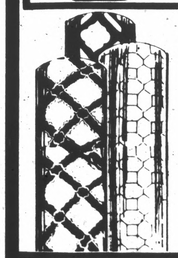

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